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New Yorkers Unite for Annual Fundraising Gala to Honor Community Leaders and Celebrate the Spring Launch of the New Dancewave Center

BROOKLYN, NY (April 5th, 2019) - On Wednesday night April 10th, 2019 at 7:00 pm guests will arrive at **The Green Building in Gowanus, Brooklyn for Dancewave Gala 2019**, one of Brooklyn's premier cultural events. The elegant evening brings together prominent individuals at the forefront of arts, education, politics, philanthropy, and business to recognize their achievements and contributions. This critical fundraiser supports the nonprofit organization, Dancewave, and its mission to provide access to a supportive dance experience that embraces and encourages individuality and equips students with the life skills to unlock their full potential as people and community members. In addition, Dancewave Gala 2019 will celebrate the expansion and Grand Opening of the New Dancewave Center in June 2019, which will bring a much-needed hub for dance and community arts to the Gowanus neighborhood.

Dancewave Gala 2019 will take place at The Green Building in Gowanus, Brooklyn from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, including a VIP cocktail hour at 6:00 pm. Attendees will enjoy an elegant sit-down dinner, open bar, live performances by Dancewave students & alum, and Recognition Ceremony for Dancewave Gala 2019 honorees.

Dancewave Gala 2019 honors Emmy Award Winning and Tony Nominated Choreographer, **Josh Bergasse**, NYC City Council Member and Chair of the Committee on Cultural Affairs, **Jimmy Van Bramer**, Dance Department Chair at Hunter College and former Dean of the School of the Arts and Dean of Dance at Purchase College, SUNY, **Carol K. Walker**, and President of XBR Construction, **Peter Lambrakis**. Their work is at the intersection of community, service and the arts and is a boon to the cultural fabric and access to the arts in New York City and beyond. **Ben Vereen**, Tony Award Winning actor, singer and dancer as well as Jumaane Williams, NYC Public Advocate will be two of the several upstanding presenters of the evening.

Past Dancewave Gala honorees and presenters have included former NYC Ballet Principal Dancer **Wendy Whelan**, award-winning choreographer **Camille A. Brown**, dance advocate and founder of Dance Education Laboratory (DEL) **Jody Gottfried Arnhold**, Emmy Award-winning choreographer and *So You Think You Can Dance* judge **Mia Michaels**, American Ballet Theater's **Misty Copeland**, and **Paloma Herrera**, Brooklyn Borough President **Eric Adams**, New York City Council Members **Laurie Cumbo**, **Brad Lander**, and **Stephen Levin** and New York State Senator **Velmanette Montgomery**.

About Dancewave (501c3)



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For close to 25 years, Dancewave's mission prioritizes access to a supportive dance experience that embraces and encourages individuality and equips students with the life skills to unlock their full potential as people and helps build their social equity as community members. Support for this mission enables Dancewave to foster youth development through dance by bringing dance residencies into public schools, offering affordable dance classes, and providing teens with opportunities to learn and perform the work of world-renowned choreographers through pre-professional companies and ensembles. The expansion to the New Dancewave Center at 182 4th Avenue, allows those programs to continue to grow and Dancewave's reach to increase.

Tickets are on sale now at www.Dancewave.org. General Admission is \$200, and there are a limited number of VIP Tickets \$275 available which include an exclusive cocktail hour with an opportunity to engage with the Gala honorees before the event. Full tables for 8 guests can also be purchased on the website.

For more information, tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit Dancewave.org/Gala or email events@dancewave.org.

Dancewave is the dance education nonprofit focusing on the development of the whole person through an accessible dance experience. Dancewave envisions a world where, through access to the dance experience, youth become empowered individuals who contribute to the fabric of their communities...and beyond. For more information visit www.dancewave.org.

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